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Congratulations!

With much hard work and determination, three Kentucky adult educators have completed the Penn State World Campus Family Literacy Certificate program. Congratulations to Charlene Brown of Jefferson County, Sarah Hornback of Larue County and Ann McCarte of Fayette County for their accomplishment.

The certificate program requires completion of five online classes – Introduction to Family Literacy, Adult Literacy, Early Literacy Development and Parental Involvement, Interactive Literacy: Parents and Children and Introduction to Adult Education.

Even for experienced family literacy specialists, the classes were beneficial. “(The courses) provided not only the latest in research and techniques but also allowed me to tailor projects that would help in particular and unique situations,” Sarah reported. “I really liked being able to translate ‘theory’ into immediate and practical use to benefit my programs. I appreciate the investment KYAE made in high-quality family literacy professional development by providing this opportunity.”

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GED grads excel in Hopkins County

A recent Madisonville Community College (MCC) study revealed that the number one source of MCC students in fall 2005 was GED graduates, who made up 20 percent of the college’s incoming freshmen. There were more GED graduates (68) in the freshman class than any single high school’s graduates. MCC operates the Hopkins County adult education program. Program Director Cris Crowley attributes this achievement to the work of her staff and the support of KCTCS, MCC and KYAE. Kudos to Cris and the entire Hopkins County staff!

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KYAE presents to Council

Sarah Hindman Hawker, vice president for KYAE, presented her vision for adult education at the July Council on Postsecondary Education meeting. She outlined KYAE’s focus over the next months in the areas of teaching and learning, accountability and dialogue and collaboration. Read her comments [online](#).

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Woodford County provides workplace ESL

The Woodford County adult education program recently conducted ESL instruction for Osram Sylvania employees in Versailles. At the end of the 10-week course, the company provided a celebratory cake and luncheon, and each participant received a certificate of achievement from the plant manager. A company newsletter spotlighted the project with a story and photo, which included Sugar Willey, Woodford County adult education director, and Tammy Bramlett, ESL instructor. Human Resource Supervisor Junior Lewis said, “These employees took the course not only so that they

could improve their speaking, understanding and communicating skills, but they also learned more about the technical terms associated with their work environment – terms that are often difficult to understand.”

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Family literacy checklist

As previously announced, KYAE has revised the Family Literacy Program Quality Indicators. Eliminated are the requirements for:

- Contact with the child’s teacher or guidance counselor upon enrollment.
- Assessments for preschool children.
- Tracking of school-age attendance and progress.

In 2006-07, children’s progress will be tracked by a [Child Education Checklist](#) form available on the [KYAE Forms Web page](#). A checklist completed and signed by a parent/guardian, teacher, or medical or social work professional must be on file to document student progress.

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GED update

Release of GED scores

Adult educators are reminded that KYAE is the only source for an official GED transcript. AERIN scores and copies of transcripts are not official. Please refer all requests from students, employers, employment agencies, military recruiters, postsecondary institutions and other sources to KYAE for GED scores. KYAE processes transcript requests in two days of receipt.

Despite efforts to make them tamper-proof, diplomas and transcript copies can be altered. KYAE is protecting adult education providers from becoming unknowing accomplices to fraudulent use of an educational record by not permitting the release of scores.

New application and demographic form

An online GED testing application form and demographic form will soon be available. Training on their use will be provided by Oklahoma Scoring Service through WebEx, which provides the ability to view the forms online, observe the completion of the forms and simultaneously ask questions by telephone. Adult educators will receive an e-mail invitation and a training schedule by region. Each training can accommodate 10 persons. Alternative times will be offered. The invitation will provide information on how to access the training.

As a part of the new online application and demographic forms, students will have the capability of accessing scores through a password. To do so, students will need an e-mail address. KYAE has arranged for students to create an e-mail address through the GoHigherKy.org Web site. This will be explained in the WebEx trainings.

GED score turnaround

KYAE has negotiated with the Oklahoma Scoring Service a three-day turnaround time for GED scoring. Test centers will be provided scanners for transmission of answer sheets to the scoring center. When the scanners are in place, scores will be posted in three days from the testing session. Students will have access to scores through a password (see above), and adult education centers will have faster access through AERIN. Answer sheets may still be faxed or mailed with a three-day turnaround from the time sheets are received at the scoring center. The new processes are expected to be in place by late fall.

GED publications available

The national GED Testing Service (GEDTS) has many GED promotional materials available on its [Web site](#). Most of the materials are free, but there is a charge for shipping.

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Please allow us to introduce...

"Please allow us to introduce..." is a monthly feature spotlighting KYAE staff members to help adult educators become more familiar with Frankfort staff. This issue features Joyce Bullock, Toni Quire and Terry Tackett.

If you need a staff contact for particular subject areas, check the [Staff Listing by Service Topics](#).

Joyce Bullock

Joyce Bullock is a KYAE associate whose responsibilities include technical assistance, professional development, ESL and assessments. Joyce has a bachelor's degree in psychology and elementary education and a master's degree in public administration and English.

A four-year KYAE employee, Joyce says her job allows her to meet interesting people from all walks of life. She also likes the problem-solving aspects of her job and developing workshops. She feels adult education is important because "there are few things more satisfying than to help others be successful."

Joyce recently enjoyed a cruise to the Bahamas with nine family members. She likes to spend time with her four nephews, niece and two great-nephews.

Fun fact: Joyce says she mixes up adult educators' names and counties – Amy Cloud becomes Amy Grant; Susan Watson – Susan Powell; Bev Thomson – Bev Christian; Jon Reynolds – Jon Kenton.

Toni Quire

Toni Quire, a KYAE information specialist, has wide-ranging job responsibilities, including answering PDtrack questions and providing technical assistance, maintaining the KYAE and KYVAE Web sites, managing logistics and details for regional meetings and KYAE conferences, organizing the online GED testing calendar and participating in technology meetings regarding AERIN, eRMA and PDtrack.

Toni's career has been dedicated to furthering education in Kentucky – she joined the KYAE staff in February 2001 after serving 16 years with the Kentucky Association of School Administrators and nearly eight years with the Kentucky Department of Education. In her KYAE role, she says she enjoys “learning new and innovative procedures that help adult education providers and our staff best use their time and energy as they provide adult education services.”

Fun fact: Toni lives on 40 acres on the Shelby-Franklin County line in a log cabin she and her brother built 23 years ago. Living with Toni are her “beautiful 73-year-old mother” and a menagerie of animals.

Terry Tackett

Terry Tackett is an associate who has been part of the KYAE staff for 10 years. He manages the AERIN database, ensures compliance with NRS requirements and provides AERIN training and assistance to adult educators. He says the best parts of his job are working with people and dealing with something new every day.

Terry, who has a bachelor's degree in business management from Morehead State University, previously worked in the Cabinet for Workforce Development and the Kentucky Department of Education. He lives in Frankfort with his wife and “two wonderful kids” – a son and daughter.

Fun fact: Terry recently became a “cheer Dad,” when his 12-year-old daughter became a middle school cheerleader.

KYAE TV spots

KYAE is providing every county adult education program a "beta" tape with three GED TV spots; the tape should arrive by mail in the next month. This beta format is preferred by most TV stations. Each tape has two versions of the three ads – one has an ending graphic, or tag, with the KYAE toll-free number; the other version has a blank tag so local information can be inserted.

County programs can use these tapes for local public service announcements (PSAs) at their commercial, cable or public access stations. Another venue for the promotional spots is movie theaters, some of which run PSAs prior to movies. **When using the tapes, please ask the station or theater to make a copy and return the beta tape to you.**

An innovative example of use is a Laurel County-Whitley County Adult Education initiative. Two of the KYAE 30-second commercials will be shown before every feature film at the eight-screen Corbin Cineplex Movie Theater for six months. The two programs will attempt to measure the campaign's impact by asking new students if they have seen or were influenced by the ads. For more information, contact Kathryn Hardman, Laurel County, at (606) 878-9134, or Terry Skinner, Whitley County, at (606) 549-7000, ext. 2037.

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PD update

Orientation to Program Leadership

Orientation to Program Leadership, Part 1, is scheduled for **August 23** in Frankfort. The day-long workshop is for program directors who are new or want a refresher. Program directors may want new staff with invoicing duties to attend the afternoon session.

Register for the course through PDtrack. Staff who plan to attend only the afternoon invoicing session should register through PDtrack and e-mail Sandra.Kestner@ky.gov.

PD plans

PD plans are due to be in "Active" status on PDtrack by October 1. Upon supervisory approval, you must commit and register your plan to make it active.

Year-at-a-Glance

A list of all approved 2006-07 professional development workshops is available on [KYAE's Web site](#).

Requirements for new adult educators

PD requirements for new practitioners are available [online](#). New practitioners have two years to complete the core requirements and the courses listed in their track. Questions concerning the requirements should be directed to Joyce Bullock at Joyce.Bullock@ky.gov.

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Adult education in the news

The Council on Postsecondary Education recently issued a [news release](#) regarding \$716,000 in federal incentive funding that Kentucky will receive for surpassing adult education and workforce performance levels.

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NCFL-KYAE reading research partnership

The [July 2006 News to Use](#) spotlighted an ongoing reading research partnership between KYAE and the National Center on Family Literacy (NCFL). For more information, see a recent article in the NCFL publication [Connecting](#).

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Education at Work scholarships awarded

Three adult education students were among 30 Kentuckians who received \$1,000 "Education at Work" scholarships from the Kentucky Education Cabinet on July 11. Congratulations to the students and adult education programs in Hopkins, Powell and Rowan counties. KYAE scholarship winners were:

- Jodelle Johnson, 24, of Morehead. Jodelle is studying respiratory therapy at Maysville Community and Technical College.
- Neal A. Murphy, 18, of Hanson. Neal plans to study information technology at Madisonville Community College.
- Maranda G. Watson, 29, of Stanton. Maranda is studying nursing at Eastern Kentucky University and has won the competitive scholarship two years in a row.

Photographs of scholarship winners are available at [scholarship photos](#).

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Student loan forgiveness

Aspiring Kentucky public service attorneys, teachers and nurses may be eligible to save money on student loans from The Student Loan People. The organization offers various types of loan forgiveness for students who meet the requirements of the Best in Law, Best in Class and Best in Care programs. For more information, students can visit www.studentloanpeople.com or call (888)-678-4625.

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